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Union: Feds are looking into SEPTA safety issues

Transportation. The vice president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen told Metro that SEPTA safety issues are being investigated by the Federal Railroad Administration. A SEPTA spokeswoman did not comment on the allegation but instead that the two entities were still talking. PAGE 04

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Three young women take to the streets of the Gayborhood to celebrate Outfest 2014. / SAM NEWHOUSE, METRO

Outfest still fights for equality in '14

Center City. Millennials pick up the LGBT equality banner and march into the future.

Women at the end of the 19th century and into the 20th pushed for women's rights. African-Americans pushed for equal rights in the middle of the 20th century.

And in the second decade of the 21st century, Morgan Gottel wants the world to know that she likes girls.

"We're still humans," Gottel said. "Why does it matter if you get married and I don't?"

The 22-year-old West Chester University student, in town for Outfest 2014, said she wants her generation to remedy what she sees as the problem.

"I think the problem is we're still stuck in the 1950s lifestyle where the man is the breadwinner and the woman is the homemaker," she said, "and we don't necessary want to accept an alternative lifestyle."

Tens of thousands celebrated their alternative lifestyles at Outfest 2014 on Sunday in Center City. This the first Outfest since the Defense of Marriage Act was struck down in Pennsylvania over the summer.

When asked what took the movement so long, Jessica Ford, 19, said: "It's pretty invisible. You can tell someone is a woman. You can tell when someone is black. But you can't tell when someone is LGBT."

Gottel questioned whether the country's Christian heritage also hampered social progress.

"I'm Lutheran," she said. "And I still have a very tight relationship with God. I may not go to church every Sunday. ... But I talk to him every night."

"And why would he create me if he wanted to destroy me?" she said. "It makes no sense. I'm Christian, I'm gay, I'm happy."

Visit **Metro.us** to see what more people at Outfest had to say.

Quoted

"White, straight men had the most money. But now there are more people who have money who aren't straight, white men."

Frances Greenlee, 20, said about the delay in gay marriage approval

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Port Richmond. Archdiocese looking at more church closures

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia announced Sunday that 14 more parishes would be subjected to the Pastoral Planning Initiative, under which parishes across the region have been merged leading to the sales of and closures of some parishes.

Five Philadelphia parishes are being looked at by the Archdiocese, all in Port Richmond: Saint Adalbert, Saint George, Mother of Divine Grace, Nativity BVM and Our Lady Help of Christians.

Previously the Catholic schools at St. Adalbert, Nativity and Our Lady Help were already merged. But the five churches are open and running separately.

Pastoral planning will also take place at three parishes in Springfield, Delaware County, and at six in Montgomery County. METRO

Archbishop Charles Chaput
FILE PHOTO

America

Philly rated ninth most expensive city in the nation

A Bureau of Labor Statistics report shows Philadelphia to be the ninth most expensive city nationwide, based on expenditures related to housing.

Stats show the cost of housing to be the top expense, followed by payments for utilities and services, household furnishings, household operations and, lastly, housekeeping supplies.

The report is based on 2012 data. METRO

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Atlantic City

Man kills mom two days after leaving jail

Steven Pratt, 46, was arrested Sunday for fatally shooting his mother Gwendolyn Pratt, 64, at her home in Atlantic City just two days after he was released from prison for a 30-year sentence for murder, reports say.

Pratt was tried as an adult and convicted of murder for fatally shooting neighbor James Anderson in 1984, when Pratt was 15.

According to court documents, the scuffle began when Anderson demanded Pratt and his friends stop smoking marijuana in the hallway.

Pratt asked his mother to be let into the apartment, but she was tired from work and refused.

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Center City

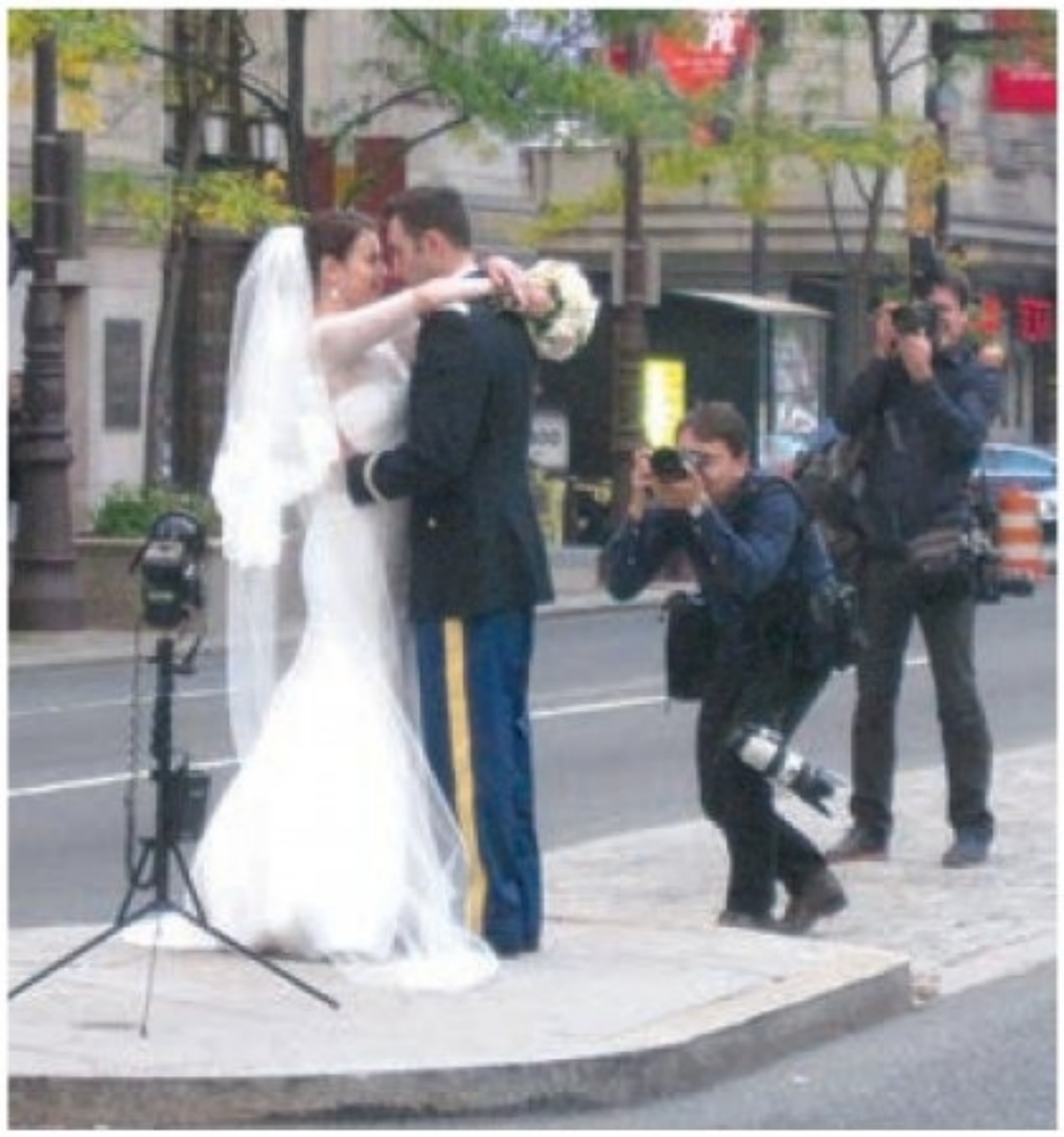
Three boys charged in violence spree

A 16-year-old and two 12-year-old boys were arrested over the weekend for a spree of random violence, reports say.

In the first incident, around 8:30 p.m. at 18th and Lombard, the boys reportedly blocked a car with bikes, opened the passenger door and tried to pull a female passenger out.

The driver reversed, hitting several parked cars, and the boys threw rocks at the car before fleeing. No injuries were reported.

An hour later in Francisville, a 24-year-old man confronted the boys when he saw them hitting side mirrors of parked cars and they punched him in the jaw. He was later treated for a fractured jaw. The boys were caught on the 600 block of Broad Street and charged with assault. METRO



Congratulations to the happy couple

Two photographers snap a moment between newlyweds on the median of Broad Street at Sansom Street in Center City late Sunday afternoon. / SAM NEWHOUSE, METRO

Negotiations. Union alleges SEPTA under federal investigation

An official with the Regional Rail engineers union is alleging that SEPTA will soon be under federal investigation. The allegation surfaces as the union and SEPTA continue negotiations on a new contract.

Stephen J. Bruno, vice president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen, said on Thursday that the Federal Railroad Administration advised him that the investigation concerns "certification and safety issues" that occurred over the last few weeks.

"And last week, there was another violation," Bruno said. "A signal violation and a train entering a track without authority."

SEPTA Spokeswoman Jerri Williams did not directly comment on the allegations but said the two sides met last week and again on Friday. "Conversations continued to be productive."

Bruno said on Thursday: "We're still in what I would consider to be productive discussions, although we haven't settled the dispute yet."

A call to the Railroad Administration was not returned. TOMMY ROWAN

Details

The union is arguing for SEPTA to address its workers' safety concerns and a timeline for pay raises.

- SEPTA asked the Obama Administration to greenlight a second board of federal negotiators to find common ground between the transit authority and the BLET.

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City scrambling to prepare for the risk of Ebola

Philadelphia. Cities with large West African populations like Philadelphia are re-evaluating Ebola safeguards.

The missteps in Dallas' handling of the first Ebola case diagnosed in the United States have revealed an uncomfortable reality: State and city plans for handling the deadly virus are based on generic recommendations for everything from measles to floods, from hurricanes to dirty bombs.

Reuters checks with health departments in six states and cities that have large West African communities including Philadelphia, Boston and New York City. Officials say they are scrambling to adapt those plans to Ebola.

In terms of preparedness in the U.S., there is a lot to do: hospital drills, 911 guidelines, quarantine rules, even details such as checking that plastic body bags meet the minimal thickness recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

While the CDC advises states on 15 "preparedness capabilities" they need to respond to public health emergencies, the list was last evaluated in 2011 and is fairly general: "emergency operations coordination" and "information sharing." **REUTERS**

Preparedness

The CDC's budget for Public Health Emergency Preparedness fell from $1.1 billion in 2006 to $698 million in 2010 to $585 million last year.

- From 2008 to 2013, local health departments lost 48,300 jobs to layoffs and attrition, or about 15 percent.
- "Those job losses absolutely eroded the capabilities that would be needed if we had to deal with Ebola," said Jack Herrmann, National Association of County & City Health Officials chief of public health programs.

Parading for Columbus Day in South Philly

Linda Riffert parades with Murray String Band during the Columbus Day Parade in South Philadelphia on Sunday afternoon. / MARK STEHLE, METRO

Southwest Philly

Middle-school students suspended for alleged sex tape blackmail

Two 13-year-old boys were suspended from William Tilden Middle School last week in relation to a sex tape with a younger student, reports say.

The principal reportedly discovered that they blackmailed a girl into having sex with them on Wednesday, then posted video of it on Instagram.

The incident occurred a few blocks from the school after a scheduled early dismissal on Wednesday.

A student reportedly told the principal, who notified police.

No reported charges have been filed against the boys at this time. **METRO**

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Toddler first in Michigan to die from enterovirus

A 21-month-old girl is the first in the state of Michigan and second in the U.S. to die this year from a strain of the enterovirus that has infected more than 500 people across the nation, health officials said on Saturday.

Madeline Reid, who was stricken with Enterovirus D68, passed away late on Friday while being treated at the Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit, hospital officials said in a statement.

"It is never easy to lose a child, and our entire healthcare team at the Children's Hospital of Michigan is deeply saddened by this family's loss and mourns with them during this very difficult time," Rudolph Valentini, chief medical officer at the children's hospital, said. REUTERS

Texas health worker becomes first to contract Ebola in US

Hospital workers. More than 50 people attended to his care.

A Texas health worker has contracted Ebola after treating a Liberian who died of the disease at a Dallas hospital last week, raising concern about how U.S. medical guidelines aimed at stopping the spread of the disease were breached.

The infected worker, identified as a woman but not named as authorities announced the case on Sunday, is believed to be the first person to contract the disease in the United States.

Officials said the worker at the Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital had been wearing protective gear during treatment of Thomas Eric Duncan, a Liberian who died on Wednesday after contracting Ebola in his home country before visiting the U.S.

The new case in Texas indicated a professional lapse that may have caused other health workers at the hospital to also be infected, said the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"We don't know what occurred in the care of the index patient, the original patient, in Dallas, but at some point there was a breach in protocol, and that breach in protocol resulted in this infection," CDC director Dr. Thomas Frieden said.

Frieden said there ws one person who may have had contact with the infected health worker when she could transmit the disease and that person is being monitored. REUTERS

Police officers inspect an alley behind the apartment where a second person diagnosed with the Ebola virus resides in Dallas. / GETTY IMAGES

Deadly virus

Obama calls for action to ensure medical system can handle Ebola

President Barack Obama wants federal authorities to take additional steps to ensure the American medical system is prepared to follow correct protocols in dealing with Ebola following news of an apparent breach in Dallas, the White House said in a statement Sunday.

Obama was briefed about the diagnosis of a second case of Ebola in Texas, where a healthcare worker has contracted the virus after treating a Liberian who died of the disease at a Dallas hospital last week.

Dr. Thomas Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said on Sunday that at some point during the care of the original patient there was a breach in protocol which resulted in the infection of the healthcare worker. REUTERS

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One killed, more than 20 injured in Halloween hayride accident

A teenager was killed and two people remain in serious condition on Sunday after a Jeep towing a hay wagon packed with people lost control and careened down a hill, local authorities said.

All 22 passengers and the driver were injured in the accident late Saturday, Maine's Office of State Fire Marshal said in a statement.

A 17-year-old girl, who has not been identified, died from her injuries; two others, the jeep's driver and a teenage boy, remain in a serious condition, the statement said.

Authorities said the driver might have missed a turn as he hauled the Halloween hayride up a steep and rural road on the Gauntlet Haunted Night Ride at Harvest Hill Farms in Mechanic Falls, Maine.

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US secret mini-shuttle to end mission

The U.S. military plans to land its secretive X-37B robotic space plane in California on Tuesday, ending a classified 22-month mission, officials said.

The exact time and date will depend on weather and technical factors, the Air Force said in a statement released on Friday. The X-37B space plane, also known as the Orbital Test Vehicle, blasted off for its second mission aboard an unmanned Atlas 5 rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida on Dec. 11, 2012.

The military has said the vehicles, built by Boeing, are designed to test technologies, though details of the missions are classified.

Last week, the Air Force and NASA finalized a lease agreement to relocate the X-37B program from California to Florida's Kennedy Space Center.

The military is studying using the space shuttle's runway for landing, but said the X-37B will touch down at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. REUTERS

Size

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The 29-foot-long robotic spaceship, which resembles a miniature space shuttle, is an experimental vehicle that first flew in April 2010. It returned after eight months. A second vehicle blasted off in March 2011 and stayed in orbit for 15 months.

Police arrest at least 17 in St. Louis

Police arrest demonstrators protesting the killings of 18-year-olds Michael Brown — by a Ferguson, Missouri, police officer — and Vonderrit Myers Jr. by an off-duty St. Louis police officer. /GETTY IMAGES

Sit-in. Thousands of people were staging protests, vigils and demonstrations against police violence in Missouri.

Quoted

"This isn't going to stop until there is change with police and black youth."
Tory Russell,
Founder of Hands Up United

Riot-gear-clad police officers arrested at least 17 people on Sunday after they refused orders to disperse from a spontaneous sit-in outside a convenience store in St. Louis during a weekend of otherwise peaceful protests against police violence.

Another fatal shooting of an African-American teen by an off-duty cop on Oct. 8 has further inflamed tensions. Sunday's arrests were in the same neighborhood where Wednesday's shooting occurred.

St. Louis police spokeswoman Schron Jackson said 17 people had been arrested for unlawful assembly early on Sunday at the parking lot of the QuickTrip convenience store.

Mervyn Marcano, who is handling media relations for a group that provides jail support for protesters, said at least 19 people had been arrested.

Witnesses transmitting live video from the small overnight protest in Shaw, a neighborhood of St. Louis, showed a few dozen people sitting on the ground outside the convenience store and said some people were hit with pepper spray and what appeared to have been tear gas, though that could not be confirmed.

Last Wednesday, an off-duty officer working for a security firm shot dead 18-year-old Vonderrit Myers Jr. in the Shaw neighborhood in what police described as a firefight. REUTERS

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Winds and rain

Tropical Storm Fay brushes Bermuda

Tropical Storm Fay swept past Bermuda, drenching the British territory in the Atlantic with winds gusting to hurricane force, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said on Sunday.

The storm, just below Category 1 hurricane strength with maximum sustained winds of 70 miles per hour was located 85 miles northeast of Bermuda on Sunday morning, the Miami-based center said.

A hurricane watch was still in effect for Bermuda, it warned, noting that tropical storm force winds extended 175 miles from the center of Fay. Bermuda reported sustained winds of 61 mph and a wind gust of 82 mph as the center of Fay moved by the island, the hurricane center reported.

There were no immediate reports of major damage on the island, which has strict building codes and is well prepared for storms that sweep across the Atlantic during the hurricane season.

A major hurricane is considered to be Category 3 or above with winds hitting at least 111 mph. REUTERS

Pistorius now faces sentencing after divisive murder trial

Fate. The Olympian finds out this week whether he will spend time behind bars or go free.

South African Olympic athlete Oscar Pistorius leaves the High Court in Pretoria after the verdict was handed down in his murder trial where he was found guilty of culpable homicide. / GETTY IMAGES

Disgraced South African track star Oscar Pistorius returns to court today to find out whether he will serve a long stretch behind bars for the negligent killing of his model girlfriend or walk out a free man.

After a six-month, on-and-off trial that captivated South Africa — and millions more around the world who admired Pistorius as a symbol of triumph over physical adversity — opinion is starkly divided on the eventual outcome.

A non-custodial sentence would likely spark public anger, fueling a perception among black South Africans that, 20 years after the end of apartheid, wealthy whites can still secure preferential justice.

Judge Thokozile Masipa cleared the 27-year-old of the more serious charge of murder, saying prosecutors failed to prove Pistorius' intent to kill when he fired four 9mm rounds through the door of a bathroom cubicle, in what he said was the mistaken belief an intruder was lurking behind it.

A murder conviction would almost certainly have carried a jail sentence. Culpable homicide, South Africa's equivalent of manslaughter, can be punished by anything from 15 years in jail to a suspended sentence or community service. REUTERS

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Competition

Wife-carrying competition brings Finnish whimsy to Maine

Men with their wives slung over their shoulders bounded over log hurdles and charged through a muddy pit on a mountainside in Maine on Saturday, as hundreds of spectators cheered them on at the North American Wife Carrying Championship.

The annual event, now in its 15th year, held at the base of a grassy ski mountain at the Sunday River resort in Maine, had all the trappings of a serious competition.

There were fit competitors in numbered bibs, a precision clock and a winners' podium, but from the moment the announcer declared "saddle up!" it was clear this competition was as whimsical as they come.

The winners received the female partner's weight in beer and five times the numerical value of her weight in cash. REUTERS

Shane Arnold and Brandy Bates clear the second obstacle. / REUTERS

OMG! Man challenges himself to visit every Starbucks in the world

Coffee brand loyalty is one thing, but traveling the world to visit every Starbucks is an expensive habit. A Houston-based computer programmer has spent $100,000 jetting to the chain's locales across six continents and 65 countries. Winter, who legally changed his name from Rafael Lozano, began his caffeine quest, known as "Starbucking," in 1997, although he admits that he's not actually a fan of the coffee. The 42-year-old, who captures each new coffee house experience with a photo or selfie, tells Metro why he wants to visit the 17,000 global outlets.

Rafael Lozano on his Starbucks tour. / WINTER

Why did you start this rather strange hobby?
The idea to visit every Starbucks in the world occurred to me as a random challenge, when I was discussing how quickly the network was growing in Dallas, Texas.

So it was just a random challenge?
The original purpose of "Starbucking" was simply to accomplish something singularly unique, but now, 17 years later, I continue to visit these stores because it is an opportunity to travel around the world, to meet people and also to try to spread my ideas.

Who was the most interesting person that you've met in Starbucks?
He was the actor Michael Emerson, but he did not have time to talk.

OK, but not including celebrities?
It was in 2006, Hong Kong. I met a student who was a fan of Starbucks and we had a brief romantic fling over two days. Actually this is my favorite store in the world.

Visiting these stores must be expensive, right?
I estimate that I have spent over $100,000 in travel, accommodation, coffee and lost income.

But do you really love Starbucks coffee?
I prefer filter coffee, lighter roasts and not Starbucks. I think that independent coffee roasters offer the best coffee experiences.

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Question

Where is your dream Starbucks?

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1 Paltrow 'extremely unpleasant' at her own Obama fundraiser

In Los Angeles, the telltale sign of a President Obama fundraising visit has always been Roland Emmerich movie-level terrible traffic. But now we have another one: Gwyneth Paltrow smoking. The Goop guru hosted a DNC fundraiser at her Brentwood home last week, and apparently "was extremely unpleasant all day," a miffed staffer tells Radar Online. "She kept saying that she was pissed off because everything was running behind schedule. At around 10 a.m., she started drinking wine and she was smoking cigarettes all day," the — I'm just guessing here — former catering employee says, adding that any Paltrow run-ins only happened early in the day, before staff were sternly instructed to steer clear of her. "She was walking around on her phone and talking really loud to friends, letting everyone know that the president was coming to her house, as if everyone didn't know already." This never would've happened at a Martha Stewart-hosted Obama fundraiser.

This 1996 pic shows Gwyneth Paltrow smoking. Oddly enough, it was long before she started fundraising for Obama.

2 Swift might have kids, if the paparazzi would leave her alone

Yes, Taylor Swift's cat is named Olivia Benson. Visit us online to see what Mariska Hargitay's response was to having a cat named after her "Law & Order" character.

Taylor Swift might have gone off the whole idea of having kids, and it's apparently all the paparazzi's fault. "I don't know if I'll have kids," she tells InStyle. "It's impossible not to picture certain scenarios and how you would try to convince them that they have a normal life when, inevitably, there will be strange men pointing giant cameras at them from the time they are babies." I'm guessing she's seen the kind of emotional toll that lifestyle has taken on her cat, Olivia Benson, who she pretty much takes absolutely everywhere.

3 Amanda Bynes no longer in a New York state of mind

AMANDA BYNES IS PHOTOGRAPHED AT THE LOS ANGELES AIRPORT ON FRIDAY.

Amanda Bynes is back on the West Coast and back in treatment. According to TMZ, the former "All That" star returned to L.A. over the weekend and has been admitted to the Las Encinas mental health facility in Pasadena. "Amanda agreed to come back to Los Angeles. Her parents are hopeful she will now get the help she needs," a source says. It is expected that her parents will return to court this week to request a reinstatement of their conservatorship, which expired in August.

4 Lance Bass cuts down his wedding guest list

Lance Bass must think mentioning that the rest of the *NSYNC guys will be attending his wedding is a good way to keep people talking about his wedding — and hey, look, it's working. But according to Bass, those four — Justin Timberlake, JC Chasez, Joey Fatone and Chris Kirkpatrick — should be feeling thankful they made the cut. Bass laments to E! News that for his nuptials with fiance Michael Turchin, they have to cut the guest list down from 600 to 300. "It's so hard, we're still getting it down," he says. "I've already had people emailing me really upset that they didn't get an invite, and no one has gotten an invite yet."

5 'Star Wars' fanatics strike back

Sadly, this is not a photo from any of the "Empire" remakes, but a "Star Wars"-themed party in Madrid. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Maybe this is a case of the inmates running the asylum, but it sure is awesome: As a follow-up to the 2010 Emmy-winning "Star Wars Uncut," "The Empire Strikes Back Uncut" hit the Internet this weekend, comprising more than 480 fan-produced 15-second segments edited together to remake the blockbuster. Styles of the clips vary greatly, including stop-motion Lego figures, no-budget reenactments, rotoscoped versions of the original footage and complete reimaginings of the material — like an Australian Western or a "Minecraft"-style video game. Watching the finished product can be oddly hypnotic at times, so proceed with caution.

2 CULTURE

Twitter feed

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Ed Sheeran has made it, Liam Payne isn't feeling well and Lena Dunham is getting ideas.

@edsheeran: Playing the first of 4 sold out O2's today. Slightly mental thinkin about it

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The Orwells are getting pretty wise

Live tonight. On their second album, this Chicago band is embracing both their maturity and their immaturity.

The Orwells play tonight at 7:30 at Underground Arts (1200 Callowhill St.). Get there on time to check out opening act, Skaters. Visit www.undergroundarts.com for more information. / PAT HEALY

Fans of The Orwells are either a lot older or a lot younger than the band.

"It's basically like 12-year-olds and 30-year-olds," says singer Mario Cuomo.

The essence of The Orwells can be found in this sort of duality. They attract little kids and they attract older dudes. A line on the opening song of their latest album, "Disgraceland," puts it succinctly: "I'm not that old, but I'm getting pretty wise." The young kids seek the band's wisdom and the older fans find something in the band's boundless youthful energy. The Chicago five-piece, which includes two cousins and a pair of twins, have been at it since high school (which was only a few years ago for them). At the time of this interview, none of the band members are of legal drinking age, yet they all appear hungover. They play punk rock, but unlike punk rockers of prior generations, they have no gripes with jocks or sports. Cuomo often wears the jerseys of professional teams onstage, and they all ran cross-country together in high school.

"My senior year I did a 6:45- mile," says drummer Henry Brimmer. It sounds a little bit like he's bragging. "I bet you I'd do like a 7:30- or an 8-minute mile, but I'd probably die after."

"I'd probably be throwing up cigarettes," offers guitarist Matt O'Keefe, between drags.

"The best workout is probably sex," offers Cuomo. He says this with a goofy grin, but he seems sincere. Is he serious?

"There's some van-rocking here and there," he says.

Talk turns to pickup lines and the assistance of technology to hook up. Do they use Tinder?

"Hell, no," says Cuomo. "My Tinder is me just walking around after shows, 'Did you see me up there? Cuz I saw you down there!'"

The band also get a good workout onstage. Cuomo has a menacing stage persona; he'll climb whatever is climbable, he's prone to smash equipment and throw beer and/or himself into the audience.

"Offstage, he's a little more chill," says O'Keefe.

"He's not quite as Satanic," offers guitarist Dominic Corso.

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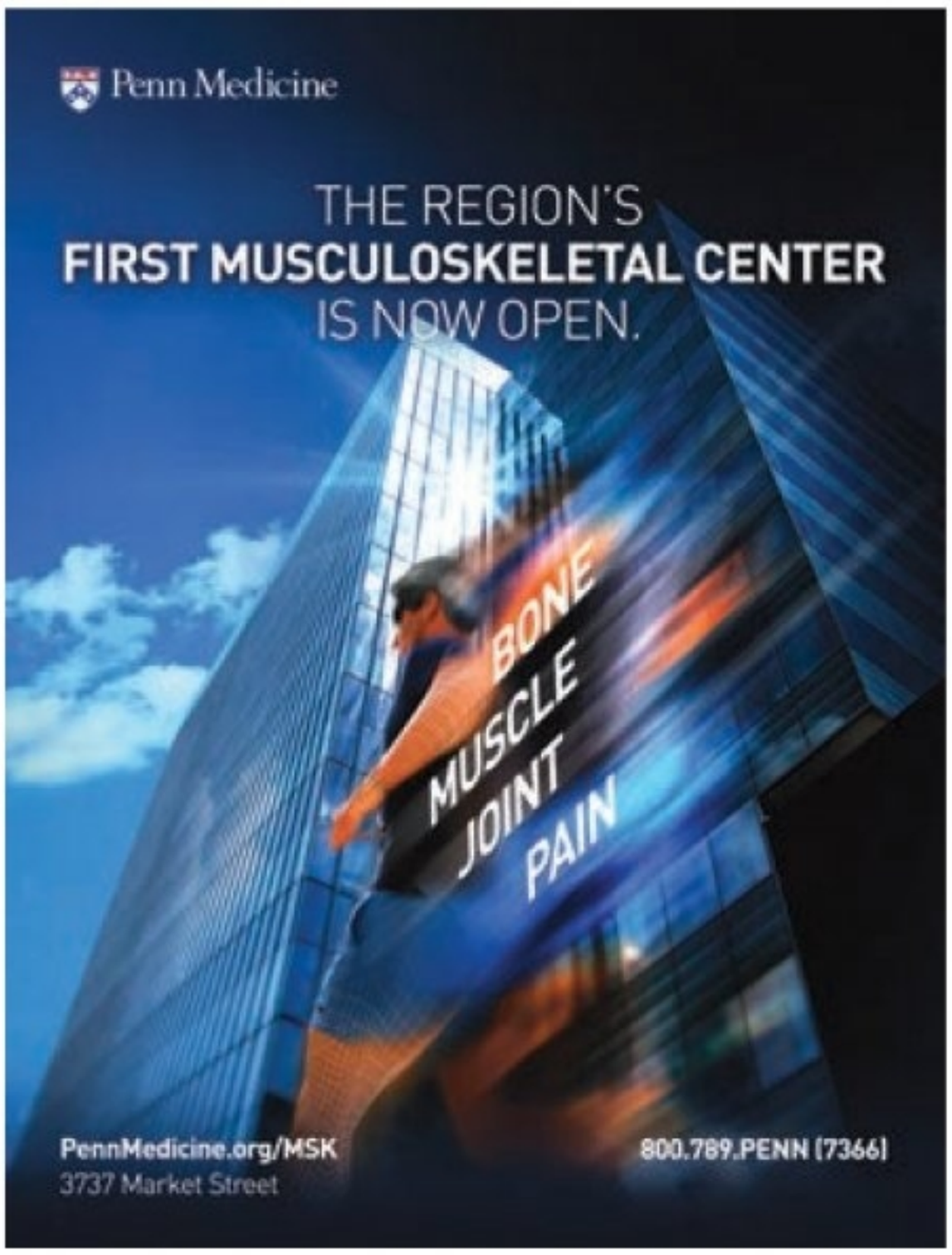
'Late Show' encores

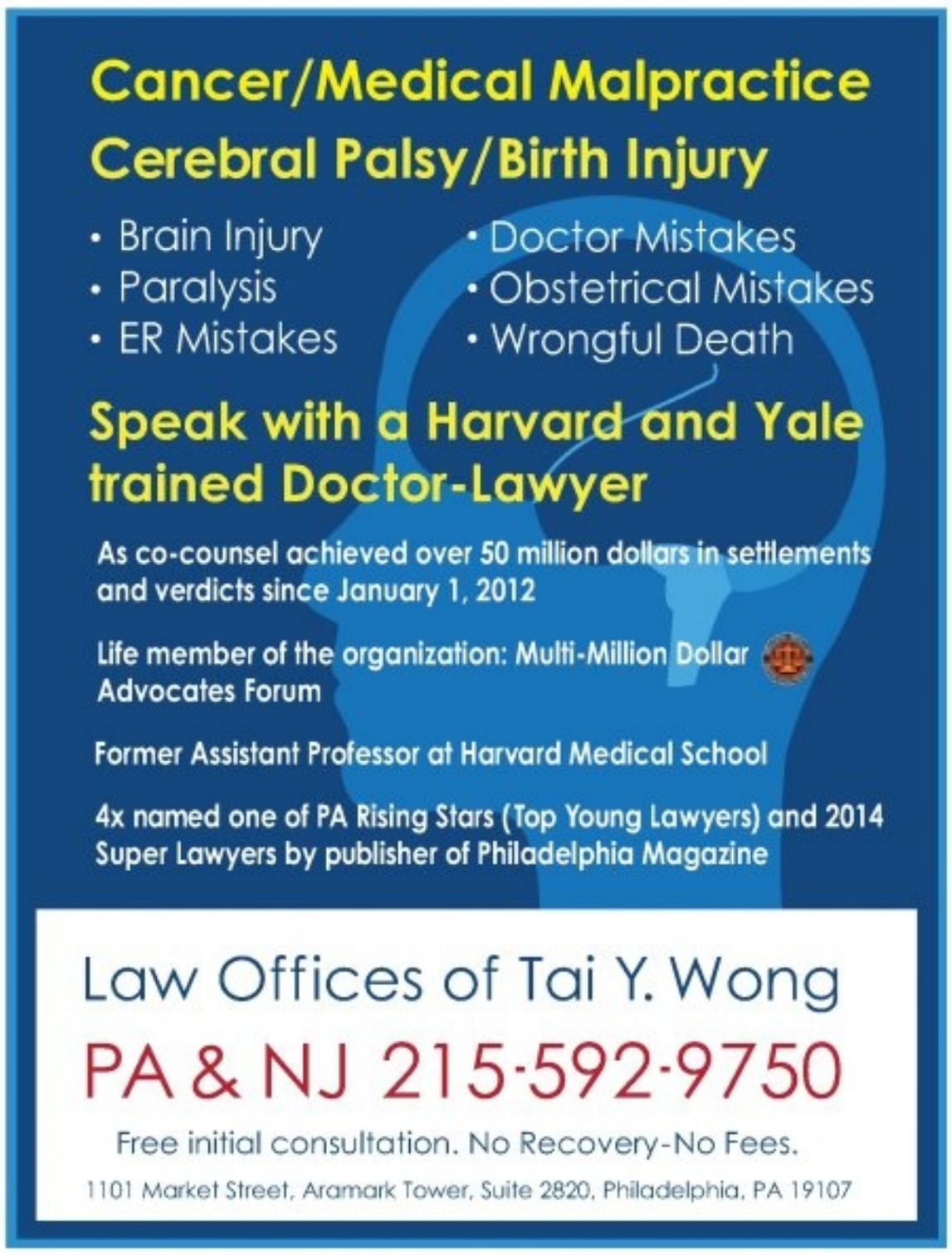
'Some good TV'

Though "Disgraceland" came out in June, back in January The Orwells played "Who Needs You" — one of the album's standout tracks — on "The Late Show with David Letterman." The host was so moved that he called for an encore, but the band froze. Paul Shaffer and his band picked up the slack, and Shaffer even writhed around on the floor, an homage to Cuomo. What was going through Cuomo's mind?

"Just, 'What the f— is going on?'" he recalls. "But nonetheless it was some good TV."

When the band were invited back to the show in June, they were prepared for an encore and they played "Who Needs You," with Cuomo and Shaffer trading vocals.

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Box office. 'Gone' not forgotten

The Ben Affleck-starring thriller "Gone Girl" dominated U.S. and Canadian movie charts for a second consecutive weekend, collecting $26.8 million in ticket sales to beat back challenges from four new films that fought for moviegoer dollars.

The new "Dracula Untold" finished second with $23.5 million, while Walt Disney's family comedy "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" was third, earning $19.1 million from Friday through Sunday, according to estimates from tracking firm Rentrak.

Horror film "Annabelle," last weekend's runner-up, took the No. 4 slot with $16.4 million.

The Warner Bros. courtroom drama "The Judge" debuted in fifth place for the weekend, pulling in $13.3 million at North American theaters. The movie stars Robert Downey Jr. and Robert Duvall as a son and father trying to reconnect.

"Dracula Untold," which the studio said performed even stronger than had been expected, opened overseas a week ago and has earned $86.1 million around the globe, according to distributor Universal Pictures.

Thriller "Addicted" debuted in seventh place, ringing up $7.6 million from a more limited showing in just 846 theaters. The movie aimed at African-American audiences tells the story of a businesswoman who has an affair with a painter. REUTERS

Rosamund Pike writes in her diary in "Gone Girl." / MERRICK MORTON

Top earners

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Movies

"GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY" STAR ZOE SALDANA WILL SOON BE A TOON. MARVEL

'Guardians' to become animated show

The misfit heroes of "Guardians of the Galaxy" are headed to television in a new animated series, Walt Disney Co.'s children's TV network said on Friday, after they saved the universe in the summer's biggest movie.

Marvel's "Guardians" will premiere next year on Disney XD and follow the intergalactic heroes as they battle evil forces to keep the universe safe. The film has so far grossed $655 million worldwide, according to BoxOffice.com. REUTERS

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DRAMA

'Scorpion'

A mission to Las Vegas goes awry when Walter ends up in jail. How often do people's trips to Vegas end with them in jail? Asking for a friend.

9 P.M., CBS

REALITY

'Restaurant: Impossible'

Get ready to cry: This episode is about a chef struggling to keep his restaurant going while caring for his sick kid.

10 P.M., FOOD NETWORK

TALK SHOW

'The Late Show with David Letterman'

Dave welcomes both Russell Brand and Dave Grohl, who also performs with Foo Fighters.

11:35 P.M., CBS

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"Star Wars Rebels" airs Mondays at 9 p.m. on Disney XD. / DISNEY XD

He's all that and a Jedi, too

Interview. Freddie Prinze Jr. is playing his dream role: He's a hero in the new "Star Wars Rebels" cartoon.

Freddie Prinze Jr. is a little preoccupied trying to figure out cool things to say before you ice someone onscreen. "The best line ever before you kill somebody is from 'They Live' — 'Rowdy' Roddy Piper, he walks in the bank with the shotgun and says, 'I've come here to chew bubble gum and kick ass, and I'm all out of bubble gum,'" Prinze insists. "That's better than 'Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn.' That's the most epic line in the history of film, and it's from a camp sci-fi movie!"

What does any of this have to do with "Star Wars Rebels," the new animated series that takes place between the events of Episodes III and IV? It's unclear, but Prinze has a few more relevant things to say about the franchise. "Star Wars is f—ing intergalactic. You can't find a franchise bigger," Prinze offers. It's probably best to just get out of his way and let Mr. Prinze express himself in his own words.

What it's like to play the first new Jedi in a long time: A lot of pressure. Everybody [in the cast] yesterday was like, "Yeah, I'm not feeling any pressure." I was like, man, I guess they didn't play lightsabers when they were kids, man. I feel it, you know what I mean? He's a Jedi, but he's untrained and he's cocky.

His lifelong history with the franchise: We always played lightsabers. The scar on my chin is from bending an aluminum flagpole back and forth until it snapped. My buddy Chris was Vader, I was Luke, I slid down a slide to get away from him, the flagpole hit first, knocked a chunk of my chin out. My mom freaked out, took me to the doctor, I had to get stitches, looked like I had a goatee at 8 years old.

That pesky extended universe: I haven't read the books. Mainly because they weren't exact. They got a lot of liberty, and I'm more of a purist. I like things the way I like them, you know what I mean? I like my video games to have the boss at the end of it — and when it doesn't, you've failed.

In summation: Here's why "Star Wars Rebels" is great. Almost every other movie is like, "This is black and this is white," and the independent films are like, "Here's gray." Star Wars goes, "This is black, this is white, and your lead? [He] has a giant splash of red all over him." He has a huge red target on him and is basically the most-wanted man in the galaxy. And they just eliminate the gray area completely.

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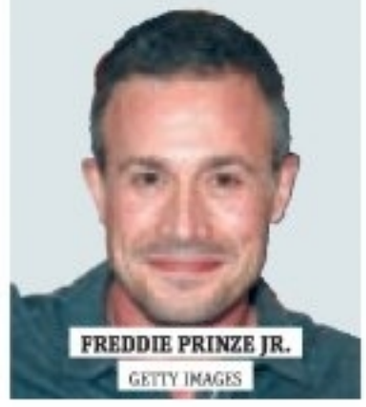
Past films

How often people ask him about "Wing Commander": Never. I think people try to forget about it. [Laughs]. Although years ago I was at Comic Con ... and somebody came up to me with a Christopher Blair action figure, and I didn't even know they made them! ... I was like, "Aw, dude! You only came to see the movie because the 'Phantom Menace' trailer was attached to our movie."



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See Jane have a baby

"Jane the Virgin" premieres tonight at 9 on the CW. / GREG GAYNE, THE CW

Interview. "Jane the Virgin" star Gina Rodriguez says her character allows for a new kind of Latina woman to be seen onscreen.

The CW's freshman comedy "Jane the Virgin" doesn't simply stand out on the new fall TV schedule for its quasi-provocative title and out-there premise. Based on the Venezuelan telenovela "Juana la Virgen," the American series tells the story of a 23-year-old Latina in Miami who has vowed celibacy until marriage — and then finds herself knocked up via artificial insemination after a mix-up at the gynecologist's office. Get past the quirkiness, and what truly makes this series notable is its celebration of Latino culture and its heroine Jane Villanueva, played with plucky spirit and pure heart by Gina Rodriguez. It's the kind of role Rodriguez had been waiting for her entire career, even turning down some high-profile gigs for an opportunity like "Jane."

"The way I grew up, I never saw myself onscreen," says the 29-year-old Chicago native. "I have two older sisters. One's an investment banker. The other one is an actor, and I never saw [Latinos] being played as investment bankers and actors."

So when the opportunity to star in Lifetime's "Devious Maids" came around, Rodriguez decided to pass, even though it would have been a big breakthrough for her acting career. "I found it limiting that [a maid] was the one [role] that was available to me," she says. "I found it limiting for the stories that Latinos have. Our stories have been told. ... Being a maid is fantastic. I have many family members that have fed many of their families doing that job, but there are other stories that need to be told."

The media, Rodriguez says, is an important venue for delivering stories of real Americans from all kinds of backgrounds — and she couldn't be happier to be a part of the movement toward more diversity on television. "Jane is strong and independent, and she's striving to make her dreams come true," Rodriguez says. "And the mishap that happens in her life is just a beautiful example of what we face in real life."

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Life changes

Making the tough choices

While Jane's situation is unique, dealing with some unexpected curveballs is something everyone goes through at one point or another — and how Jane deals with hers is what makes this series so endearing and relatable, says Rodriguez. "It's going to be really exciting to go on this journey with this girl and see the way she chooses maybe not the popular choices in life, i.e., her virginity."

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Dr. Brent Moelleken

Modern audiences are looking for more from their superheroes than in the 1960s, as the Batmans of Adam West, left, and Christian Bale show. / GETTY IMAGES

Between the uber-sculpted uniform of today's Batman to the bona fide god Thor having his own franchise, pressure is ramping up on Hollywood's leading men to look capable of the feats their characters perform. But while action stars talk up their grueling training and special diets, there may well be another kind of body-shaping professional whose work will go unacknowledged, says Dr. Brent Moelleken.

The Beverly Hills plastic surgeon took part in "Superhero Bodies," a new documentary by RealSelf, the online community for elective surgery, about how the demands of modern superhero roles are pushing actors to their physical limits — and the effect that's having on American men. The number of cosmetic procedures being performed on men has risen 273 percent in the last 16 years, according to the American Association of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, with liposuction and ab-sculpting being the most common in 2013.

We asked Moelleken about where reality ends and fantasy begins.

Plastic surgery. After a certain age, there's "100 percent certainty" that stars have had work done.

How real is what's onscreen?
"Celebrities are a fantasy. And the fantasy is not just one individual; it's a company. These celebrities are companies — they have a whole entourage that depends on maintaining that image."

When does plastic surgery come into the picture?
"As people enter their 30s and definitely their 40s, and with 100 percent certainty their 50s, people have to get work done to continue to look youthful and vibrant and natural. It's inevitable."

Be realistic in your expectations.
"We can improve on what you have, but we can't make you into Hugh Jackman if you're not already close to Hugh Jackman to begin with."

Fit to be broke

RealSelf estimates that the average man would need 11 surgeries for $76,950 to achieve the superhero look, from the strong chin to bulging quads:

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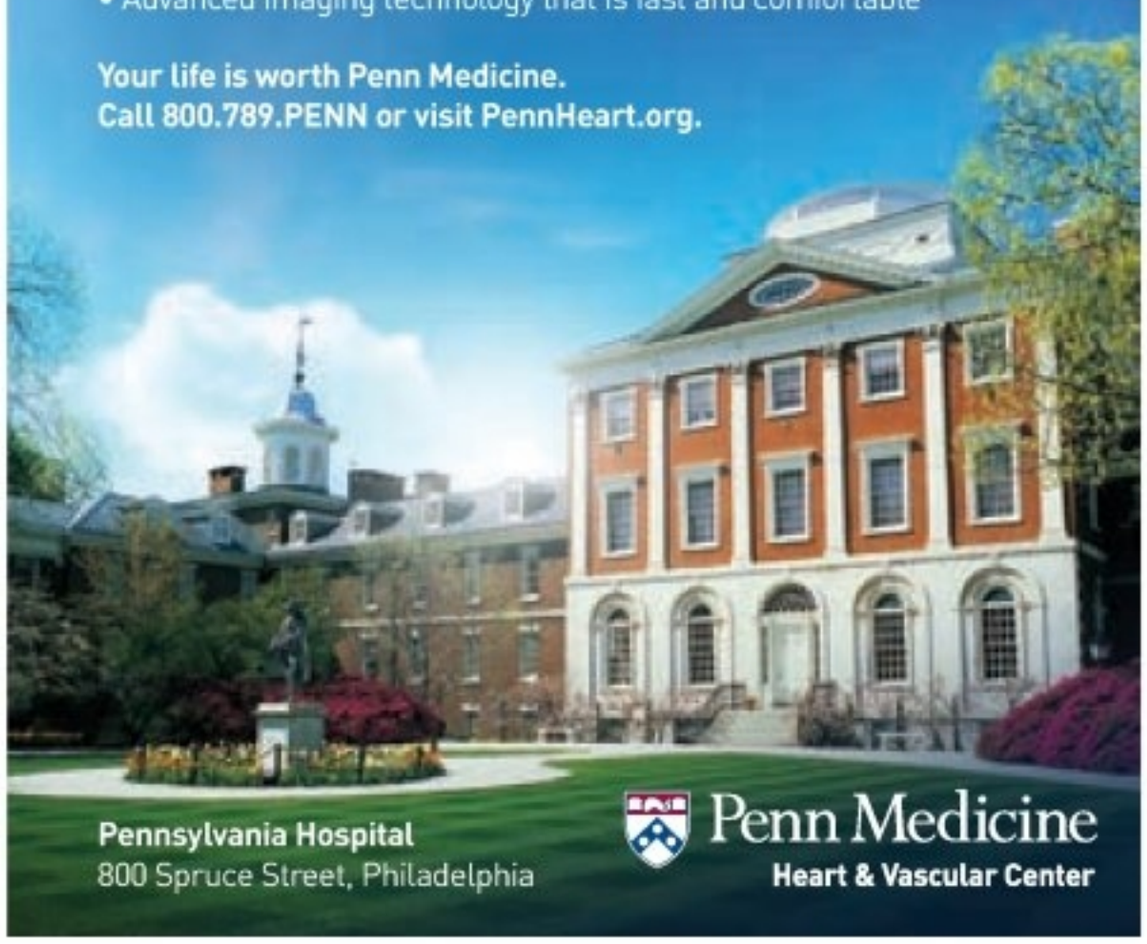

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College is now a buyer's market

Admissions. There are lots of choices out there for high school seniors.

Colleges are increasingly worried about getting enough enrollments, and students can use the situation to their advantage.

A survey of college admissions directors by news website Inside Higher Ed found that 79 percent were either very or moderately concerned about not meeting their enrollment goals this year, up from 76 percent last year. Anxiety was particularly high among private nonprofit colleges, with 48 percent admitting to being very concerned, compared with 43 percent in the 2013 survey.

The increasing competition for students has created a buyer's market at most schools, says college consultant Lynn O'Shaughnessy, author of the book "The College Solution."

Families willing to look beyond the most selective colleges should have plenty of options for both admission and financial aid, she says.

"If you believe the media reports, it looks like everyone's getting turned away," says O'Shaughnessy, who offers online classes on college admissions to financial advisors and parents. "This is not the reality. ... Most schools are feeling petrified that they're not going to fill their classes."

Lucky for prospective students, this works in their favor.

Colleges need students

The colleges struggling the most are what Scott Jaschik, editor of Inside Higher Ed, calls "the non-famous privates," schools that do not have big endowments and that rely almost totally on tuition to pay the bills.

Among private nonprofit colleges, 65 percent failed to meet their enrollment targets by May 1, compared with 56 percent a year earlier. Seven out of 10 private undergraduate colleges missed their targets this year, compared to six out of 10 last year.

"People hear 'private college' and they think 'Harvard,' but that's the 1 percent," says Jaschik. "Most colleges are not competitive in admissions. Most colleges need students."

In recent years, some private colleges struggling with declining revenue have laid off faculty, eliminated programs or pursued mergers with other institutions. Several have had their credit ratings downgraded.

A smaller pool of high school students is partly to blame, college admissions officials say, and more families are balking at the price of higher education, particularly at more expensive private colleges.

College applicants have many more schools to choose from than they may realize. / FUSE

By the numbers

65%

Of private nonprofit colleges failed to meet their enrollment targets by May 1

89%

Of private college admissions directors said they were losing potential applicants due to student loan debt concerns

Look out-of-state

Most colleges, public and private, plan to increase their efforts to recruit beyond their states, respondents say. At public colleges, these students typically pay higher tuition than in-state residents, Jaschik says, while private schools want them simply to fill seats.

Colleges that need students, particularly private colleges, may be willing to offer bigger discounts or to match competing schools' offers of financial aid, notes O'Shaughnessy.

"You shouldn't assume the first offer you get is the last one," she says. **REUTERS**

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Some parents say the amount of homework assigned to children is unreasonable. / DIGITAL VISION

Parents speak out against homework

Is assigning hours of homework to elementary-aged students really necessary?

Parents across the country are beginning to speak out about the amount of homework assigned to students under the age of 11. Washington Post columnist Jay Mathews recently created a firestorm among his readers when he suggested that parents schedule in a set amount of time for children to do homework each night (say, 1-2 hours) and for students to simply not finish assignments if they cannot be completed in time.

Many parents told Mathews they didn't want to see their children suffer from low grades or other punishments from teachers. But the push for less homework is nothing new.

An alternative

Mathews cites the new book "The Learning Habit" by Stephanie Donaldson-Pressman, Rebecca Jackson and Robert M. Pressman in his argument. The authors suggest that students should be assigned a limited amount of work according to their ages. Second graders, they propose, should get 20 minutes of homework, while their siblings in eighth grade get 80 minutes worth.

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Impact

Does homework matter?

A 2012 Indiana University study found that the amount of homework assigned to elementary school students had no discernible impact on how students learn. Interestingly, it's still unclear to researchers if high school students even benefit from being assigned homework. Despite this, a poll of high school teachers that was released earlier this year found they assigned their pupils an average of 3.5 hours of homework a night.

SAT

Recent graduates showed no improvement

The College Board — the educational testing organization that administers the SAT — announced last week that recent high school graduates did about as well on the exam as those that took it the year before them.

High school seniors who graduated in 2014 received an average score of 1497 on the SAT, which is one point lower than last year's average. Some educators are saying the lack of improvement on the test should have schools worried. (A perfect score on the SAT, which tests math, critical reading and writing, is 2400.)

A SCORE OF 1550 IS CONSIDERED "COLLEGE-READY." WAVEBREAK MEDIA

By the numbers

1,497

Average SAT score of high school seniors in 2014; that average was 1,498 in 2013

The College Board considers students who score a 1550 or higher to be ready for college-level classes. The Washington Post reports that only 43 percent of students achieved that score.

"For a long time, institutions like ours have been reporting that too many students aren't ready for college," said David Coleman, president and chief executive of the College Board. "It's time to do something about it."

In March, the College Board said students would be taking a revised test that emphasized analysis in 2016. LAKSHMI GANDHI

Discomfort in the workplace doesn't need to be negative

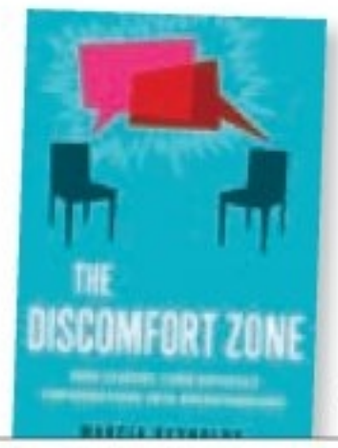
Personal growth. Stepping out of your comfort zone can be beneficial for bosses and new hires alike.

The best managers want their teams to grow. / STOCKBYTE

When describing their dream position, job-seekers often speak about finding a company in which they feel comfortable. In the provocatively titled new book "The Discomfort Zone: How Leaders Turn Difficult Conversations Into Breakthroughs," management coach Marcia Reynolds argues that feeling too comfortable can stop employees from evolving.

"We don't learn anything if we don't allow ourselves to be uncomfortable, so we stay stuck in seeing things and doing things the same way," Reynolds explains. "I always say that in the moment of discomfort, where we become uncertain of who we are and how we see the world, is the opportunity to grow."

Reynolds says that taking someone out of their comfort zone is also key to breaking the patterns and defense mechanisms that often stop people from reaching their potential.



We asked Reynolds to share more about how managers and employees can get the most out of her techniques.

Treat your co-workers like they're your equals. Taking criticism is tough for anyone, so it's important to stay focused on tasks rather than personalities. "When I criticize you, your brain shuts down automatically, so that doesn't work," she says. "You're working with people who are your partners; they're not your children."

The way to create lasting change, says Reynolds, is to ask questions, get to know the people you work with and build a deeper level of trust. "If I can ask you the right questions and you can discover yourself, not only do you learn but actually in the brain it embeds and you commit to any change or behavior," she explains. "It's more efficient leadership. I want to help you think differently — that's the approach."

Speak up. Junior employees in particular tend to hesitate to speak up for themselves, says Reynolds. She encourages everyone to share their feelings with their bosses, even if the thought makes you nervous.

"Sometimes people have no idea what kind of impact they have until somebody tells them," she says. "It's really the courageous person that goes to the boss and says, 'I don't like when you talk to me like that.'"

Reynolds says most bosses she's advised say they were ultimately glad for the feedback. "They're human too, and they want to know the impact they have on people."

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Realize what it means to be a leader

"A lot of times leaders do the right thing but they don't have the right feelings — and people can see through that," says Reynolds.

Taking the time to get to know your co-workers and helping them move up the ladder goes a long way.

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♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Take time to nurture and maintain the important relationships in your life. Cut through any emotional difficulties by facing each issue honestly.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. Consider getting a pet, updating your image or joining a notable group where you can meet people.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. Your family and friends are in your corner. Your uniqueness will bring you attention. If you get involved, you will make new friends.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Consider what others say and think. If you try to force your opinions on others, you will damage your reputation.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Travel and discovery are highlighted today. Take a trip to experience places that hold a special interest for you.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. A profitable plan is within reach. Listen to a friend to gain important financial insight. Keep on top of your personal papers.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. You will be easily upset today. Don't take casual remarks personally. It's quite possible that oversensitivity will ruin your day if you take offense.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Host a get-together. A simple redecorating project will update the look of your home and give you an added boost, as well.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Don't underestimate what you can do. Form an alliance with a worthy cause. You can cultivate a long-lasting friendship.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Refuse to let anyone draw you into a dubious deal. You will risk your reputation if you team up with unscrupulous accomplices.

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Letters

Have a little respect for photo theft

Re: 'Jennifer Lawrence's scolding rings false' (Metro, Oct. 9) Whether someone is famous, she has the right to share her photos with only those she chooses. Jennifer Lawrence and others didn't post their photos on an open-source website, but rather a site that is password-protected. Do you or the other creeps who indulged in prurient, lecherous, corrupt behavior in viewing photos that were not intended for you, use online banking, ever bought anything online or posted something? If your identity is stolen, do we say, "Too bad, you shouldn't have used the Web?"

MARY FARRELL, VIA EMAIL

Precautions ensure privacy

Re: 'No better than a Peeping Tom' (Metro, Oct. 10-12) Caroline Hanley and the other indignant folks who believe that anyone should be able to do whatever they want at any time without regard to consequences are seriously deluded. To prove my point, I ask them if they have the right not to be robbed. They do? Well then, don't lock your door when you leave your house or your car when you park. After all, you have the "right."

BELLE HOFFMAN, VIA EMAIL

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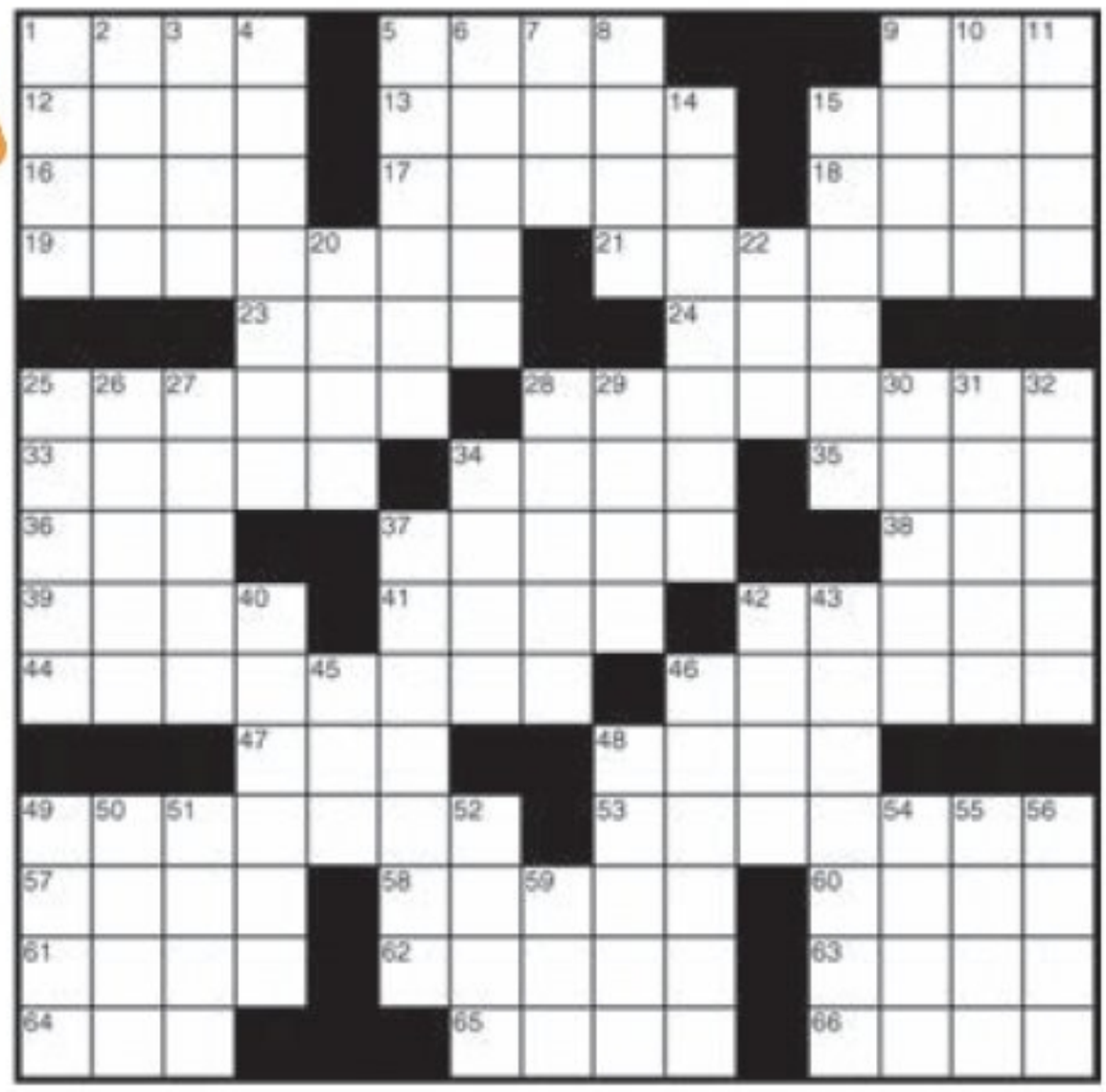

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Good, bad and the ugly from Flyers' struggles

NHL. The Flyers are off to a disappointing 0-2-1 start and are not resembling a playoff hockey team.

The first week of the Flyers' season is in the books. After three games, the Orange and Black is 0-2-1 and off to its third straight slow start. Let's take a quick look back at the good, the bad and the ugly.

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Good: Special teams still playing well

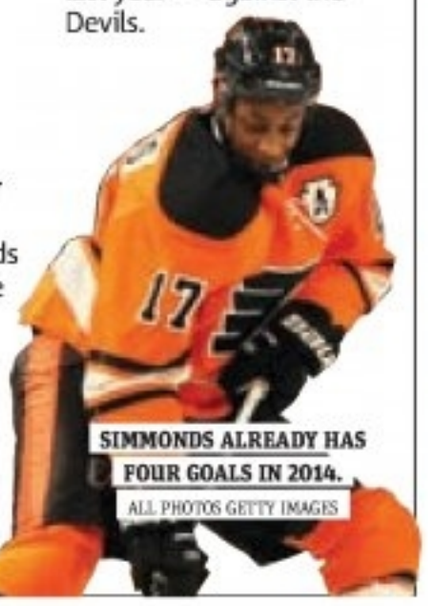
The power play and penalty kill units were ranked in the Top 8 in the league last year, and both have stood out in the season's infancy.

The Flyers have gone 3-for-13 with the man-advantage — but did fail to convert while up a man in overtime on Saturday. The PK has allowed just one goal in eight short-handed situations.

Good: Simmonds can score in bunches

The power forward led the team with 29 goals last season. But with four goals, including two on the power play, Simmonds appears ready to become a star in the NHL.

In his seventh year, the 26-year-old has shown the ability to develop into a 30-plus goal scorer. His season took off when he was moved to the second line with Brayden Schenn and Vinny Lecavalier — his linemates from most of last year — against the Devils.



SIMMONDS ALREADY HAS FOUR GOALS IN 2014.
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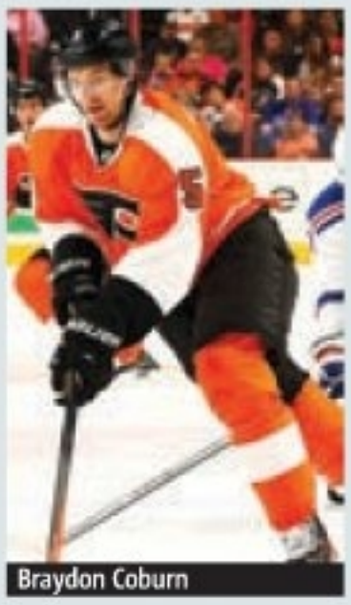
Bad: Shootout problems

The organization's woes in the shootout — a thorn in its side since introduced — continue. On Saturday, the Flyers failed to score in four attempts in the shootout vs. Montreal. Even worse, Claude Giroux, Lecavalier, Courturier and Matt Read hardly challenged Carey Price. On a positive note, Ray Emery made more saves (three) in one shootout than he did all last season (two) combined.

Bad: Defensive depth is thin

This isn't news, but it became reality after just one game: With top defenseman Kimmo Timonen already likely done for the season with blood clots in his lungs and leg, the Flyers' blue line took another costly hit.

Braydon Coburn, their top defenseman who plays the opponents' top line and the most minutes, suffered a lower body injury in the season opener in Boston and is expected to be out at least another week.



Braydon Coburn

He originally was thought to miss extended time, so the new Coburn diagnosis definitely takes a little pressure away.

Even so, the Flyers had no choice but to turn to journeyman and seventh defenseman Nick Schultz as a replacement, and after him the candidates include a handful of Phantoms not named Shayne Gostisbehere.

Ugly: Flyers in trouble, again

After losing their first three games and opening the season 1-7 last year, Philadelphia is off to a nauseating 0-2-1 start this year. They began with a hard-fought 2-1 loss to Boston, rallied from a 3-0 hole to tie the game but ended up losing 6-4 to the Devils on Thursday in the home opener. Then they squandered a 3-0 third-period lead and fell to the Canadiens on Saturday. It doesn't get any easier either. The Flyers have seven straight games against 2013-14 playoff teams. It could get very dire for the second straight year.

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Early setback

Durant breaks foot

The Thunder are used to dealing with injuries to star players — Russell Wilson had injury woes fairly recently. But now, Oklahoma City's other superstar Kevin Durant is out longterm. The team announced Sunday that the reigning NBA MVP could miss two months with a fractured right foot. He's missed six games in the past five seasons.

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Temple on top

The Owls are in the midst of an historically good season.

- Temple (4-1) has won at least four of its first five games for just the fifth time. In each of the other four instances, the Owls won at least eight games and received a bowl berth.
- The Owls have already doubled their win total of a year ago.

Rhule has already turned the Owls program around. / GETTY IMAGES

- Temple is the only FBS team to register 36 or more points per game (38.2).
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- When Temple trailed 24-21 for 4:16 early in the fourth quarter Saturday, it was just the second time all year they have trailed in a game.

Temple's Reilly plays ideal backup

NCAA. The Owls are in first place in the AAC thanks to P.J. Walker's play and Connor Reilly's support off the field.

The fact that no one was happier seeing P.J. Walker throw for 294 yards — including two fourth quarter touchdown passes to lead Temple to a 35-24 comeback win over Tulsa Saturday — says all you need to know about backup quarterback Connor Reilly.

This time last year the QB job was his to lose — until he lost it.

But rather than sulk or go through the motions as then freshman Walker's backup, this Army brat — who has called 11 different places home as the son of a Lieutenant Colonel — simply dedicated himself to being a model teammate.

He's also making the most of limited opportunities as placekick holder. He scored a key touchdown on a fake field goal Saturday, as the Owls reached 4-1 for only the second time since 1979.

"We weren't sure if it was the right look, but we trusted him," said head coach Matt Rhule. "We knew he'd find a way to get in there."

Whatever it takes, says the kid who won't look back.

"It's been an adjustment, but it's his turn," said Reilly, who started four games last year — all losses. "P.J.'s definitely matured. I can see it on the sidelines. I accept my role as the backup and prepare every week in case I have to go in. Our team's winning, so I'm happy. The best quarterback is playing right now."

And Reilly's done nothing but help Walker.

"He's like a coach on the field," said Walker. "He lets me know what he sees on the field. I was really excited for him when he scored. I've learned a lot from him and he's been supportive all along. I feel if anything happened to me he'd come in and do a great job."

Having seen firsthand how that can happen when Walker took his job last year, Reilly puts in the time just in case he gets another chance.

"I understand what's best for the team right now," said Reilly. "I've stepped into other roles. But if my number's called, I'll be ready."

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Reilly started 2013 as Temple's starting quarterback. / GETTY IMAGES

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"I think he knows at some point he might have to go in, so he wants to be ready. He's just a winner and a great teammate."

Matt Rhule, Temple head coach
On backup quarterback Connor Reilly

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Cowboys pull big upset, Pack rallies

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The Cowboys' dream season continued with a big win on the road in Seattle. DeMarco Murray gave the Cowboys a 27-23 lead with 3:16 remaining, and they held on 30-23. Murray has 100 yards rushing in every game this season.

Patriots 37, Bills 22
The Patriots continued their dominance over Buffalo on Sunday, beating the Bills in Orchard Park, New York, to grab sole possession of first place in the AFC East.

Lions 17, Vikings 3
With Calvin Johnson and Reggie Bush on the shelf, the Lions' defense came up big as it picked off Minnesota rookie quarterback Teddy Bridgewater three times.

Packers 27, Dolphins 24
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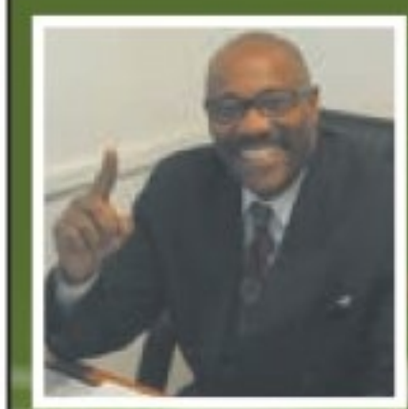
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